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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural area of Virginia and have only one choice for acceptable internet service, broadband provided by a local, independent provider. I have a DSL connection now, but my provider has plans to lay down fiber cables soon.

I understand that the removal of some provisions of the 1996 Telecommunication Act (put in place to ensure healthy competition in the internet market) is underway. If these are removed, I fear that I will no longer be able to afford internet service to my home (a crucial service for my school-aged children).

Please consider keeping all provisions of the Act and continue to make internet affordable in rural Virginia.

Thank you,

Andrea Abry